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City of Elba receives grant to upgrade sewer lift stations

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Mayor James Grimes announced this week that as part of a continuing effort to flood proof Elba, the city applied for and received FEMA approval for a large grant to upgrade four sewer lift stations and elevate them out of harm's way during a flood or other times of excess water.

The project must be started within 90 days of the grant approval and completed by February 28, 2011 if no extensions are granted.

Lift stations involved are #1 at Pee River Bridge, costing \$218,000; #3 off Smith Avenue, costing \$226,000; #8, the Putnam Street pump, costing \$248,600 and #10, on Martin Luther King Drive, costing \$232,600.

The different cost numbers are due to the need for larger pumps and stronger standby generators at some of the locations. Included at each site are submersible pumps, support structure, electrical panels, standby generators, switches and insulation, etc.

The City of Elba will use some in-kind work to fulfill the matching part of the project, according to the mayor.

Municipal run-off elections held in Elba and New Brockton

Lenwood Herron selected as next mayor for Town of New Brockton

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Council member Jeff White made a motion with a second from council member Cal Donna Howard to approve the resolution to submit the application to USDA for the grant. The motion passed unanimously.

White concluded that the council could go ahead and submit the application, and if the new town council does not want to do this way, they can do something different.

Council members addressed a request from Praise and Glory Church for help to install a driveway.

Council member White said he and council members Cal Donna Howard and Billy Brantley have looked at the area and decided it would be too hazardous to put a driveway where the church is requesting it (on Lee Street). He added, however, if the church members want to consider putting a driveway on John Street, the town would be willing to work with them.

A motion to turn down the request to put a driveway on Lee Street was unanimously approved by council members.

White did ask the town clerk to send a letter or call the church explaining the council's reason for turning down the request. He also asked the clerk to tell them the council will be more than happy to help if they will consider putting the driveway in front of the church.

Based on a recommendation from the planning commission, council members voted to approve a request from a resident to start a mulching mill business on Tyler Street.

Several announcements were made during Monday evening's council meeting, including:

Elba preparing for first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An exciting fun-filled day for the family is planned Saturday, Nov. 8, as the Elba Chamber of Commerce along with the City of Elba will sponsor the first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival. The event will be held at Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba, and gates will open at 10 a.m.

The barbecue teams are preparing their best selections for the judges, we've also got lots of other activities planned throughout the day," Whitworth said.

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Admission is \$5. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Passes in and out will be allowed.

The Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash, sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Association (FBA), is a cook-off event that will feature professional and backyard barbecue contests. Cash prizes will be awarded.

"We are really excited to host this barbecue contest," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Our event has been proclaimed by the governor to be the 2008 FBA

Championship."

The arts and crafts festival will be a great opportunity for everyone to get started with their Christmas shopping as a variety of vendors are expected, and Whitworth said there certainly should be no lack of food.

Several games and activities are being planned for the last chance for teams to qualify for the young-at-

hearted during the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash event on Nov. 8, but according to Whitworth, there may be a need for a preliminary round prior to the Nov. 8th event depending upon the number of entries for the contest.

The deadline to enter the "Wiregrass Star" event is Friday, Oct. 24.

Two concerts are planned for the event.

Shane Owens, a country music artist, will perform at 3 p.m. His performance will be followed by the awards ceremony for the BBQ Bash.

The day's events will conclude with a 3-hour concert by the showband Clutch beginning at 6 p.m.

"Clutch is well-known for the band's performances at Breakers in Panama City Beach, Fla., and we are happy to welcome the band to Elba for the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival," said Whitworth.

For more information regarding the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival set for Saturday, Nov. 8, in Elba, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125 or visit the website: www.elbaalabama.net.

Coffee County BOE approves bid for bleacher replacement project at Zion Chapel

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Area Happenings



LOCAL QUEENS SET TO COMPETE IN LITTLE MISS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PAGEANT...Recently while attending a parent orientation and tea, 50 young ladies from 14 counties in 3 states began preparing to compete for the title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival. The pageant will take place Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center. Everyone is invited to plan to attend and cheer for their local representative as she has the time of her life with hopes of being crowned the next Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen. Little Miss area queens from Coffee County, shown with reigning queens are: Reigning Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen - Reagan Cleveland, Little Miss County - Addison Nix, Little Miss Elba - Brayton Martin, Little Miss Enterprise - Chloe McClenney, Little Miss New Brockton - Christina Green, Little Miss Zion Chapel - Whitney Senn, and Miss National Peanut Festival - Madison Wester. For a complete calendar of events for the 65th annual National Peanut Festival visit www.nationalpeanutfestival.com.

THE COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINICS will be held Friday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 31, at the Enterprise Recreation Center, located at 421 E. Lee Street (behind Cutie Restaurant), from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will also be a clinic held Friday, Nov. 7, at the Coffee County Health Department, 2841 Neal Metcalf Rd., Enterprise, Ala., from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Anyone attending the clinics is asked to bring their Medicare card, State Employees Insurance Card, ACTIVE Medicaid Card (full coverage only), or there will be a small fee. For more information call 347-9574.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Americans are being bombarded daily with bad economic news. The end (or the bottom) doesn't seem to be there as far as the stock market is concerned. Yet while we areanguishing over these problems . . . and have no idea what to do about them . . . there is another monster lurking out there. A recent study, "Lights Out In 2009?", by NextGen Energy Council (a non-profit 501-C group) indicates a high risk of an electrical shortage as early as next summer. This could cost as much as tens of billions and even threaten lives, according to the experts. Of course the chance of actual shortages is greater in the Western U.S., but we have seen from the financial mess of today that these problems spread throughout the economy, and fast.

Well, if we actually experience the above problem it probably means we survived the ongoing disaster(s).

The American people have some suggestions for the lawmakers in Washington as they "rescue those rich guys on Wall Street. A 'man on the street' survey of what to bail out next turned up these answers: Oak Street (42%); First Street (31%); Bourbon Street (15%) and Tremont Street (12%). In other words we are still hearing cries for help from the millions of people on the streets . . . those who will ultimately pay the bill for all these bail outs - oops, we mean temporary help outs.

The Elba High School band "did good" at the band contest in Andalusia last weekend. We salute these young folks on their success and on the dedicated, hard work necessary to get there.

These band students hopefully have the incentive to stay in school and not become a dropout. Indications are that of those in California who dropped out in 2004, one third of them were still not doing a cotton picking thing in 2006. Not working, not back in school . . . nothing. A larger study indicated that nationwide the figure is 30% doing nothing four years after leaving school. We wonder how they eat? Some are in jail, some are married and their spouse works, but what about all the others? It is troubling.

A Baptist preacher friend was showing off his grandchildren in a local restaurant Sunday and we have no new comebacks to share. The glow in his face was real and we are ashamed to say it made us a bit jealous. Catch up this weekend as we visit with our grands for a few hours. It will not be like having them here all the time, but grand it will be! Take that preacher friend!!!!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 29, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for forgery, two for a dog bite, three for theft of property, one for harassing communications, one for domestic violence, one for stalking, one for criminal mischief, one for harassment and one for a broken window.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for loitering and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for failure to display insurance, three for a suspended driver's license, three for an expired tag, one for an expired driver's license, two for no insurance, one for no tag, three for not wearing a seat belt, five for speeding and one for revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Bruno's Trailer Park (8:33 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:27 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Fox Dr. (6:50 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to Taylor Mill Rd. (5:49 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 951 Neil

Elba Marching Tiger Band shines at contest

By Linda Hodge, Editor

As if participating in the contest wasn't stressful enough, the Elba Marching Tiger Band had to overcome more than nerves last Saturday evening, Oct. 4, at the A-Town Invitational contest in Andalusia, Ala.

When all was said and done, however, I thought the band members did an excellent job in representing themselves, Elba City Schools and the City of Elba.

Competing in contests is not new for the band, but the circumstances the band faced last Saturday evening were a bit unusual.

The band members had made



The Elba Marching Tiger Band overcame an unexpected obstacle last Saturday, Oct. 4, to deliver a superior performance at the A-Town Invitational band contest held in Andalusia, Ala. While the band members were "all business" for the contest, their show does allow for a bit of fun as they "do a little dance" in the final song of the show.

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ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. - Elba Baptist Church, 1901 (7:30 p.m.); Burglary reported to a possible gas leak at 1611 Forest Lake (7:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 227 R.D. Roberts Dr. (10:20 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - Disturbance (noise) reported at the Riviera Motel (11:39 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 - Disturbance reported in the vicinity of Jones and Martin Luther King Dr. (8:13 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported to 320 Old Samson Rd. (11:36 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 340 Larkin Rd. (10:38 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at a house near the Hickory Pit (12:55 p.m.);

SOCIAL ACTIVITY - Call 800-771-1213 or visit the website at www.sas.gov.

ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-Frist Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday evening and Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 7:30 p.m. - United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMIS-SIONERS - 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. - Elba High School

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Super Offices

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. - Elba High School

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFI-CER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 p.m. - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 384-3623

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HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House

COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN

WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - P.O. Folks, Enterprise

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5 p.m. - the PBO office at the Airport

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night at the museum

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

TEEN AGING STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Li-

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their way to the sidelines of the field, and the announcer had just introduced them to the spectators when all of a sudden darkness overcame the field. Who knows exactly what happened, but it was lights out on the group of already anxious teenagers.

I can remember how nervous I would always be just prior to taking the field at competition, so, I can only imagine what must have felt like to have the lights go out on you at just the moment you're prepared to take the field.

Moment later, the band was allowed to move to the endzone to wait out the light failure, and I wondered if that would affect the band.

Way to go Elba Marching Tiger Band, and good luck with the remainder of your season!

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DAV Chapter forming in Coffee County

continues to increase

40 in Practical Nursing. Additionally, many students have enrolled in prerequisite courses for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program which will begin January 2009 on the MacArthur Campus."

The LBWCC dual enrollment program has increased five percent over Fall semester numbers. In this time of double-digit tuition increases at Alabama's four-year institutions, it is obvious students understand the opportunities LBW Community College provides.

Transfers, by attending LBWCC their freshman and sophomore years, can trim thousands of dollars off their student costs by living and working at home.

LBWCC Interim President, Mr. L. Wayne Bennett said, "I am pleased but not surprised at the record enrollment. This is what we planned for, worked for and expected."

For more information regarding LBW Community College programs or registration contact: Peggy Linton, Dean of Instruction, at 344-493-5337; Dr. Jim Krudop, Greenville Campus Director, at 344-383-6711; or Judy Hall, Acting Dean for Student Affairs, at 344-493-5364 on the MacArthur Campus or 344-881-2245 on the Andalusia Campus.

Elba Hammonds

Nov. 14, 1917 - Sept. 12, 2008

Elma Hammonds departed this life on Sept. 12, 2008, at her home in Elba, Ala., after a long, productive and fulfilling life. A native of Dozier, Ala., Mrs. Hammonds was married for 72 years to the late Mr. Sethelio T. Hammonds and to their union were born eight children. Mrs. Hammonds leaves to cherish her memory one brother, seven children, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Thank You

The family of Mrs. Hammonds extends sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many wonderful expressions of love and caring during the death of our loved one.

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CHURCH NEWS

Whitewater Baptist Church to observe Homecoming on October 12th

Whitewater Baptist Church, 4301 Highway 125, Elba, will observe Homecoming on Sunday, October 12. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with dinner on the grounds. Mack King will bring the message, and Fred Mallory will lead the music. There will be great preaching, great music, and delicious food in abundance. The music will feature soloists Keith Bell, Becca Hodge, Fred Mallory, and Hattie White, an instrumental duet by Judy Fuller, pianist, and Lisa Stinson, organist; and songs by both the adult and children choirs. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 897-2452.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church to host gospel singing October 11th

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixon's Crossroads, will hold a gospel singing on October 11, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be The Broken Strings. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chestnut Grove UMC to host The Gospel Messengers

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 18, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Gospel Messengers from LaGrange, Georgia.

For more information contact Gise Grant: (334) 897-5793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry: (334) 735-2010.

LUNCH

Monday - Fall Intercession
Tuesday - Fall Intercession
Wednesday - Breakfast
Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit w/Chicken, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Homecoming 2008
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Elba native Bill E. Poole of Huntsville, Ala., son of the late Jimmie Lee and Erlene Poole, was recently named as the State Realtor of the Year by the Alabama Association of Realtors. He established Poole Realty of Huntsville in 1973, exclusive serving the commercial real estate market in Huntsville, Madison County, and surrounding areas.

POOLE HOLDS A Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Auburn University, graduating in 1960. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. He is also a graduate of Realtors Institute, NAR Commercial and Investment courses and has attended various seminars and classes.

Poole became a Realtor in 1973 and has served on and chaired most Alabama Association of REALTORS committees. He served as President of AAR in 1990. Poole has also served many years on the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Legislative Committee.

He was appointed to the Alabama Real Estate Commission in 1995 and served until 2007, serving as the chairman for the past seven years. He is the longest serving Chairman in the history of the Real Estate Commission.

Poole is a member of the Huntsville-Madison County Homeowners Association, as well as a member of the North Alabama Commercial Brokers.

He is also actively involved in several civic organizations including the Huntsville Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Auburn University County Committee, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Valley Hill Country Club, The Ledges Country Club and the Huntsville Hospital Foundation Advisory Board.

Poole is also a golfer and a commercial, instrument-rated pilot. He has one married daughter and three grandchildren.

Samuel Joseph Gordon is one year old

Samuel Joseph Gordon, the son of Eric and Indya (Lawless) Gordon of Land O Lakes, Fla., celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 4th.

For his big day, Sam's parents took him to see Mickey and his friends at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They spent the weekend at the All-Star Sports Resort and visited the Magic Kingdom.

While at the Magic Kingdom, Sam attended Mickey's "not so scary" Halloween party. The birthday boy dressed as a baby lion for Mickey's party.

Friends from Florida and Texas joined Sam for his week-end-long birthday celebration.

Sam's grandparents are John and Lynda Lawless of Elba, David and Susan Rieth of Tampa, Fla., and Ross and Pat Gordon of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Coffee County Study Club is seeking new members

The Coffee County Study Club is seeking members for its organization. The Study Club is a non-profit organization that sponsors the "Miss" Coffee Pageant, which offers cash scholarships and savings bonds. The pageant is a peanut preliminary. For answers to questions and/or to become a member, call Christi Nelson at (334) 494-0844 or Jackie Wilson at (334) 393-5362.

JaiLeigh Burch celebrated her 8th birthday May 10 with family and friends in Mobile. On the same day she participated in a dance recital in Montgomery.

JaiLeigh is the daughter of Jason and Kathy Burch of Millbrook. Her grandparents are Lee and Mavis Burch of Elba and Billie Brooks of Prattville.

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses' Club and the Enlisted Spouses Organization are accepting applications from vendors interested in participating in the event taking place Nov. 9 from 9 am until 4 pm at Yano Hall on post at Fort Rucker, Ala.

There will be free entertainment throughout the event on the stage near Lee Street.

There will be a costume contest for children with registration at 9:00AM and judging at 10:00AM. Children's activities also include a mini train ride, pony ride, inflatables, and a rock climbing wall. There is no admission charge.

A limited number of vendor spaces are available. Applications and information are available at the Chamber office or by visiting www.EnterpriseAlabama.org.

The Fort Rucker Fall Festival is sponsored by the Downtown Committee of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's second mini-term is an opportunity for students to catch up with classes they may have missed, to take the second course in a series, or to save time and get ahead in their coursework. The semester's second mini-term, begins October 16 and features day and evening classes, and classes at the Enterprise Campus and Fort Rucker Site. To find out more, call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438, or go online at www.eocc.edu.

This performance is made possible by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.

www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

897-2981

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First Assembly of God to hold "Homecoming 2008" October 12

First Assembly of God will hold "Homecoming 2008" on October 12, 2008 and will feature the Sammy Glass Family. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served in the Family Life Center around noon.

There will be no evening service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hill Assembly of God to host gospel singing October 11th

Mr. Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixon's Crossroads, will hold a gospel singing on October 11, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be The Broken Strings. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chestnut Grove UMC to host The Gospel Messengers

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 11, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Gospel Messengers from LaGrange, Georgia.

For more information contact Gise Grant: (334) 897-5793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry: (334) 735-2010.

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Elba City School's Child Find program underway

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities; age 3-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting.

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A covered dish lunch will

be provided.

Greater Springfield will have Senior Choir Day on October 12

Center Point Community Church will host Fall Festival October 18th

Center Point Community Church, located at 3352 Lynn Road, Enterprise, Ala. Over 35 artists from the Tri-State area to appear at the 2-day event. There will be no charge but an offering will be received. Events will include a dunking booth, pie eating contest, inflatables, cake walk, crafts, and more. There will also be hot dogs, boiled peanuts, and baked goods.

Door prizes will be given away at 12 noon and 1 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Fund raiser BBQ set for Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Elba to benefit Birthing Hope

A barbecue fund raiser for Birthing Hope will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Just Folk Coffeehouse from 6-7 p.m.

Birthing Hope endeavors to increase maternal health globally through collective wisdom, resources and zeal. For more information regarding Birthing Hope visit the website: www.birthinghope.org.

Tickets for the barbecue fund raiser may be purchased at the Covenant Community Church office in downtown Elba. Takeout plates will be available.

Everyone invited to participate in this evening of food and entertainment.

Arbor Day Foundation offers free give-a-tree cards to new members

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering for the first time two free Give-A-Tree Cards to those who join the Foundation during the month of October.

Every Give-A-Tree Card has one the recipient with a tree planted in one of our nation's forests. At the same time, Give-A-Tree Cards help the environment by replanting trees in a forest that has been devastated by disease and record wildfires.

On the inside, each card is inscribed, "In your honor, a tree has been planted in a National Forest." Each tree planted will give life back to the forest, provide food and habitat for wildlife, help clean the air, and protect water supplies.

"Just by sending loved ones and people who care about Give-A-Tree Cards, people can make a big difference in the world today," said John Rosevear, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. Give-A-Tree Cards are helping to bring life back to our nation's forests."

The cards will be sent to new members in time for the holidays.

To receive two free Give-A-Tree Cards, send a \$10 membership contribution to Give-A-Tree Cards, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Oct. 31, 2008. People can also join the Foundation online at www.arborday.org/give.

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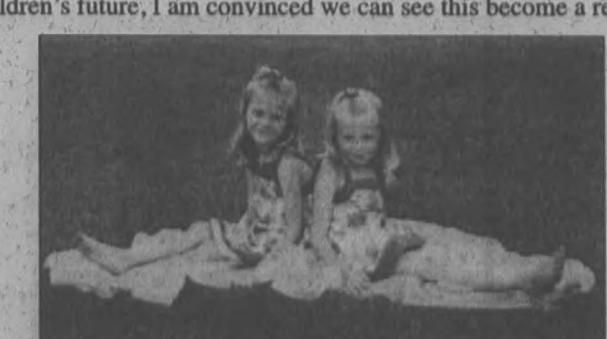
Local elections can be about so many different things, but I have tried to make sure this election focuses exclusively on the needs of our children, and on how District One's representative on the County Board of Education can work for you to improve our schools.

The way I've got this figured is, if we can get parents and educators an outlet through which they can regularly communicate their thoughts and concerns to their District One School Board member, it can only improve our schools. I would be honored, as your Board representative, to be a part of any school or local organization's meetings, so that I can be better made aware of what's going on in our area.

As both a teacher AND a parent of two beautiful daughters attending Coffee County's Schools, I know how important it is to have that kind of communication. If elected, my pledge to you is that the lines of communication will ALWAYS be wide open between residents of District One and its representative on the Coffee County Board of Education.

While it is true that I am fully committed to several of my own ideas for improving our School System, like fighting for security cameras in parking lots and hallways, I am also willing to listen to your ideas, because, believe me, as a teacher, I've seen the difference involved parents can make in their children's lives, and, as parents, my wife and I try to remain an involved part of our daughters' education.

Please don't misunderstand me. I think our schools are good here in Coffee County. As I see it though, it's really a matter of getting even better. I told a young man this past Sunday that, too often, people settle for "average" or "good" when they could be "great." I want us to work together to make Coffee County's School System "great." With your prayers, your support, your willingness to work with your District One representative, and your commitment to our children's future, I am convinced we can see this become a reality.



Because cooperation is better demonstrated than stated, and the example we set may be the key to improving their future.

Joseph "Joey" Arnold
Coffee County Board of Education District One

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Bill Goolsby, Hope Curry, Mary Windom, Judge Bill Thompson, Twinkie Cavanaugh and Beth Kellum visited Elba on Friday, Sept. 26.

Several Republican candidates visit Elba with bus tour

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 26, the Hometown Connection Bus Tour with several Republican candidates made a stop at the Coffee County Courthouse in downtown Elba.

Along the tour were Twinkie Cavanaugh, seeking office as Public Service Commission President; Mary Windom, seeking election to the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2; Beth Kellum, candidate for the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1; and Judge Bill Thompson, seeking re-election to Court of Civil Appeals, Place 1. Judge Greg Shaw, seeking election to the Alabama Supreme Court, was not available due to family obligations.

Made their way through the courthouse asking several citizens and employees for their vote in the upcoming General

Election in November.

The candidates also made stops in Troy and Brundidge prior to arriving in Elba. Following the Elba stop, candi-

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Elba's Veterans Memorial Park

Some 200,000 copies of "Historic Alabama" have been produced for distribution through the state's welcome centers, convention bureaus and tourism destinations. In addition to the booklet, the campaign promotion includes a commemorative low-cost history book produced by the Birmingham News.

"We are excited about the impact we believe this brochure will have on encouraging visitors to experience first-hand the many sites and events that made our great state what it is today, but it also provides insight into the remarkable journeys of famous Alabamians who impacted our nation such as Helen Keller, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and George Washington Carver."

The tourism department will officially kick off the "Year of History" celebration on December 12 at the state Department of Archives and History in Montgomery to coincide with the 1891 centennial celebration of Alabama's statehood.

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Community-wide "Tailgate with the Tigers"

Hosted by the Elba High School Cheerleaders

Thursday, Oct. 16

5:30 p.m.

EHS career tech parking lot (side of the building)

Troy Bank & Trust highlights stability of the institution and banking industry

Gary Guthrie, president & CEO of Troy Bank & Trust said, "We, along with many other area banks, have received questions from customers regarding the safety of their deposits."

"In helping customers understand the strength of the banking industry, Guthrie highlighted the following facts:

Banks are equipped to handle economic shifts. Banks have significant capital, or a rainy-day fund, on reserve for tough economic times. This is a bank's first line of defense to cover any losses.

No customer has ever lost a penny in insured deposits. The FDIC protects consumers from losing their money if their FDIC-insured bank fails. Even better, the agency has temporarily raised its coverage amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000 through December 31, 2009. There are legal and

safe ways to get even more FDIC coverage depending on how you set up your accounts.

The majority of banks are healthy. Most banks have been around for decades and are likely to be around for many more. Troy Bank & Trust was established in 1906 and is stronger than ever. As stated by the Alabama Superintendent of Banks, John Harrison, there has not been a bank failure in the state of Alabama for 21 years and we do not anticipate any failures for years to come.

For more information on the safety and soundness of the industry or Troy Bank & Trust, visit the FDIC website at www.fdic.gov or call TB&T at 566-4000, or 888-258-8769.

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THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 IS PLANNING THEIR 20 YEAR CLASS REUNION. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL JOSEPH McCOLLOUGH @ 897-5675 OR ALLISON GAVIN COLE @ 897-6393

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba featured in "Year of Alabama History" brochure

Elba's Veterans Memorial Park, Coffee County Courthouse and Elba native James "Big Jim" Folsom, former Alabama Governor are featured in the new "Year of Alabama History" brochure. Governor Bob Riley released the 94-page publication today to promote the 2009 tourism campaign.

The brochure, "Historic Alabama: A Guide to Landmarks and Events," gives readers insight into the history of some 163 towns and cities across the state and features more than 700 museums, events and historically significant sites, from north Alabama to the Gulf Coast. Old Alabama Town in Montgomery is featured on the front cover while the back cover depicts a scene from the "Miracle Worker" at Helen Keller's birthplace in Tuscumbia. It was written by Marilyn Jones Stamps and designed by Amy Shell, of the Alabama Tourism Department.

"Touring historic Alabama is guaranteed to be an educational and rewarding experience," said Governor Riley. "This brochure not only highlights the many sites and events that made our great state what it is today, but it also provides insight into the remarkable journeys of famous Alabamians who impacted our nation such as Helen Keller, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and George Washington Carver."

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SPORTS

VIEWS FROM...

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

Classes have been out at Troy University since Friday for fall break and while one daughter headed to Mobile to visit with a sorority sister the other simply stayed at their apartment and got some rest. I understand the fun in heading out of town for a few days and also know how good it feels to get a little rest. However, since they seem to have forgotten how to get from Troy to Elba I have told them both the next time they call for extra spending money they will have to pay a visit the Mularz Bank, which has only one location here in Elba.

Elba Tigers break another streak....

A few weeks back the undefeated Elba Tigers hosted the winless G.W. Long Rebels and watched as the Rebels snapped their 16-game losing streak with an upset win over the Tigers. Last week those same Tigers were coming off a big 21-14 road win over 3A Geneva and carried a 2-1 region slate over to New Brockton to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks and watched as the Gamecocks snapped a three-game losing streak and a four-game losing streak to Elba. I mean nothing derogatory toward either G.W. Long or New Brockton, but someone please explain to me how a team that can defeat 4A Opp, 2A Cottonwood and 3A Geneva, all on the road, lose to teams that now have a combined record of 4-8? Okay, I know Elba has some young players and has been slowed in recent weeks by injuries to a couple of key players. I also know that in the games Elba has won it has held on to the football and in the losses has turned the ball over on numerous occasions. All of that is just part of football and happens to just about every team that puts on the pads. I'm not pointing fingers at anyone and am trying hard not to second guess any decisions, but I know a lot of Elba Tiger football fans are like me and would like to know what has happened to the team that at one time looked like a true 2A contender and now looks very, very average.

New Brockton gets huge region win....

All the area teams were back in region play last week and without a doubt the biggest win of the week came over at New Brockton where the Gamecocks evened their region record with a win over Elba. Here's a look back....

*** New Brockton (3-3) had an excellent game plan and carried it out for all four quarters in a stunning 17-7 win over Elba. The Gamecocks entered the game mired in a three-game losing streak and seemed to be in trouble, the region had taken advantage of Elba mistakes and used a dominating performance at the line of scrimmage to control the clock and win the game. Now the Gamecocks need to remember that one game doesn't make a season a success and stay focused as they work hard to earn a spot in the playoffs.

NEW BROCKTON 16 ELBA 14

Houston Academy 20 Elba 12

New Brockton vs. Barbour County

The roosters from over near the bypass grew some feathers last week and this week will be looking to soar past some big cats that have their taste buds set for a chicken dinner. The long trip up the country could take its toll and the roosters will have to be at their best to avoid a letdown. So, this one could be a lot closer than many might think and an upset is definitely a possibility.

NEW BROCKTON 16 BARBOUR COUNTY 12

ZION CHAPEL VS. R.C. HATCH

The troops up at Fort Jack will have to load up the wagons Friday for a long ride that won't end until they get near the state line. The troops ran out of ammunition last week and had to retreat, but have been loading up the heavy artillery all week and will carry all their weapons with them when they open the gates

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wins over Providence Christian

17-14, Houston County 35-14,

New Brockton 21-7 and Samson

36-0, then lost to Slocumb 42-17 before winning last week over Cottonwood, 20-6. The Raiders have posted seven straight winning seasons and over that period have averaged nine wins per season.

"If we are going to win this

week and get back in the hunt

in the region we need to stop

worrying about who isn't playing

and make certain the players

that take the field are ready

and can get the job done," said

Rials. "There is no secret we

don't have much depth and

have suffered some key in-

juries, but other teams are also

banged up this season in the

region and we just have to find

a way to work through it. On

offense we need to stop putting

the ball on the ground and score

points when we get in close.

Last week we got inside the

New Brockton twenty four

times and didn't score a point,

and had a fumble that led to one

of their two touchdowns.

We've got to play aggressive

on offense and make things

happen, while at the same time

we have to protect the ball and

put the ball in the endzone. On

defense we'll have to put a few

extra rocks in our back pockets

and get ready. The game is

going to be won at the line of

scrimmage and we just have to

have heart and battle on every

single play. This game will be a

challenge and one I am confi-

dent we will meet head on."

Houston Academy opened

the season with four straight

and head out. The guess here is they will bring back some hides

and also bring back a region win.

ZION CHAPEL 28 R.C. HATCH 20

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The pups down near the county line got chased out of their own yard last week by some cats from up river and this week have plans to do some bird hunting in the woods of Covington County. There will be plenty of birds to shoot at once they arrive, but unless this year has improved greatly there will also be a lot of birds flying high when they get ready to leave.

PLEASANT HOME 32 KINSTON 16

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from across the river will go hunting some big cats this weekend over near the Butler County line and 1A fans from all across the state will be keeping an ear out to hear who comes out still undefeated. The dogs have never had a lot of problems with any kind of cats and will be ready to chase these kitties back into the woods to prove they are indeed the top dogs in the region.

BRANTLEY 40 MCKENZIE 24

OTHER PICKS:

Mapleville 4-5 Akron 6

Arlton 2-1 Providence Christian 17

Geneva County 35-Floralia 14

Sweet Water 52 Georgiana 0

Linden 32 Sunshine 12

J.U. Blacksher 41 L.E. Shields 8

Clay County 49 Horsehoe Bend 0

Cottonwood 29 Samson 6

Elmoton 32 Excel 20

Goshen 36 Franklin Marion 18

Saint John 50 Highland Home 12

Carver 28 G.W. Long 16

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Leroy 56 Southern Choctaw 8

Red Level 28 Mobile Christian 27

Wicksburg 28 Abbeville 26

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Geneva 15 Slocumb 14

T.R. Miller 35 Luverne 17

Andalusia 21 Clarke County 7

Holville 27 Ashford 14

Opp 28 Bullock County 13

Elmore County 38 Catholic 17

Thomasville 42 Hillcrest 14

UMS-Wright 41 W.S. Neal 0

Jackson 20 B.C. Ram 16

Eufaula 24 Carroll 6

Carver 51 Wilcox Central 12

Vigor 35 Faith 10

Greenville 27 Talladega 14

Demopolis 40 Monroe County 6

Charles Henderson 35 Rehoboth 14

Valley 28 B.T. Washington 0

Auburn 42 Russell County 0

Central 28 Dothan 15

Enterprise 31 Smiths Station 21

R.E. Lee 31 Jeff Davis 20

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Elba Tigers need win over region leading Raiders to move back in contention for region two title

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SPORTS

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Brantley Bulldogs make life anything but pleasant

Story and pictures by Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their dominance of Region 2 opponents Friday night as they raced out to a 49-0 half-time lead and ran past the Pleasant Home Eagles 56-7 to claim their sixth win this season.

It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to dent the scoreboard as Anthony Gulley took the opening kickoff and went 65 yards up the right sidelines for a touchdown. Britt Barnes booted the extra-point and with only 14-seconds gone off the clock the Bulldogs were already on top 7-0.

Brantley began its next offensive series at its own 20-yardline after a Pleasant Home punt and again scored quickly, Anthony Gulley cracked off a 39-yard run to move the ball to the Eagle 29, and two plays later Chase Hall connected with Gulley on a 16-yard scoring pass. Barnes drilled the extra-point and with 6:46 remaining in the quarter Brantley's lead was up to 14-0.

Brantley got the ball right back at the Pleasant Home 41-yardline from a fumble recovery by Anthony Gulley, and from there the Bulldogs put together a five play drive that was capped off by a 16-yard touchdown run by Stephen Walker. Barnes again added the extra-point and with 3:04 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were up 21-0.

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Brantley's Austin Mitchell recovered an Eagle fumble at midfield to bring the Bulldogs' offense back on the field and this time it took only one play to get back into the endzone as on the first play Chase Hall spotted Tony Upshaw running behind the Pleasant Home defense and lofted a 50-yard touchdown pass. Britt Barnes again nailed the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 43-0 with 3:13 left in the quarter.

Brantley's Nieko Carpenter recovered the master or dominant eye is quite simple. Extend your arm and make a circle with the thumb and index finger of your right hand and look through the circle at a doorknob or other small object in the room. First look at the object with both eyes open keeping the object centered in the circle made by the index finger and thumb. Now close the left eye while keeping your hand still. If the object stays in the circle your right eye is dominant, if the object seems to jump out of the circle several inches, then the left eye is dominant.

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If you have a friend who is shooting poorly, ask them if they know which eye is dominant. You just may help them improve their shooting skill.



Brantley Bulldog quarterback Chase Hall (7) ignores a heavy Pleasant Home pass rush to complete a pass in the Bulldogs' big 56-7 win over the Eagles. Hall passed for 124 yards and 3 touchdowns in the region win.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Match proper hand and eye for better shotgun success

Every year quite a few Alabama hunters find out why their shooting skills have been below par. "Cross-dominance" is often the problem. When shooting at aerial targets, whether live birds or clay targets, our dominant eye transmits information about the target to the brain.

Fortunately for most of us the dominant eye corresponds with the "dominant hand" so to speak. Most people who are right handed have a dominant right eye and vice versa. The problem in shooting occurs when this is reversed, especially for shotgun shooters.

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In homecoming clash

Bulldogs bulldozed by Purple Cats 62-0

Statistics and photos by Wesley Hunko

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Arton Purple Cats Friday night and never had a chance as the powerful Cats clawed their way to a big 62-0 win.

Arton's first score of the night came on a 1-yard run by Patrick Robinson with 10:44 left in the first quarter, while Anthony Sanders passed to Jonathan Lamprey for the two-point conversion as the Purple Cats grabbed an early 8-0 lead.

Sanders scored on a 38-yard run with 7:44 remaining in the quarter and also kicked the extra-point to up the Arton lead to 15-0, while the next Purple Cat touchdown came when Taylor Davis scooped up a fumble bobble and returned it 57 yards. Sanders again added the extra-point as Arton moved ahead 22-0 with 3:51 left in the quarter.

Arton swiped its scoring in the first quarter with 1:59 remaining on the clock when Taylor Stephens scored on a 30-yard run, and Anthony Sanders kicked the extra-point to put the Purple Cats down a big 62-0 region win.

Arton continued to light up the scoreboard in the second-quarter and added three touch-downs to take a big 30-0 half-time advantage. The scores came on a 3-yard run by Patrick Robinson, a 62-yard run by Daniel Harden and a 30-yard pass from Harden to Anthony Sanders, while Anthony

Sanders and Tyler Deal swapped extra-point duties as the Purple Cats blew the game open.

Arton's Leonard Terry scored on a 15-yard run in the third quarter and Robert Leggett had a 60-yard touch-down run in the fourth quarter, but Kinston's Ledge Boswell blocked both extra-point attempts, and at the final horn the Purple Cats left with a big 62-0 region win.

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HIGH TIGERS AT HOME
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HERE COME THE KINSTON BULLDOGS!!

Brantley's Jared Hall (52) and Stephen Walker (4) combine to knock the football loose from a Pleasant Home runner in last week's 56-7 win over the Eagles. Closing in for the recovery are Bulldog teammates Cameron Wright (8) and Austin Mitchell (7).

ing in the second quarter and upped Britt's lead to 29-0.

A good return on the ensuing free kick by Brantley's Cassius Thomas set the Bulldogs up in the Pleasant Home 20-yardline, and Brantley took advantage of the excellent field position to add to its lead. Devontae Porter, and while the extra-point try failed it made little difference as the Bulldogs run to move the ball to the Eagle 15, and after two runs moved the ball to the nine. Chase Hall lofted a pass to Tory Upshaw in the corner of the endzone for a touchdown. Chase Hall completed 9 passes in 9 tries for 123 yards and 3 touchdowns. Tory Upshaw pulling in 3 catches for 63 yards and 2 scores. Stephen Walker gained 52 yards rushing and scored 1 touchdown and Devontae Porter rushed for 48 yards and also scored once.

STATISTICS

| B | PL |
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| 16 | 1st Downs 8 |
| 32-202 | Rushes-Yds. 31-176 |
| 124 | Passing Yds. 62 |
| 326 | Total Offense 238 |
| 5-10-0 | Passes 7-9-1 |
| 150 | Return Yds. 120 |
| 0 | Fumbles Lost 2 |
| 5-35 | Penalties-Yds. 9-66 |
| 3-37 | Punts-Ave. 3-34 |

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SCHOOLS

Softball tryouts set for later this month

Any girl in grades 7-12 interested in trying out for the softball team should sign up to try out and pick up a consent form from Coach White. Tryouts will be Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20-21.

"Tailgating with Tigers" planned as part of Homecoming festivities

by LanChessica Cross

Elba High School will celebrate Homecoming this year on Friday, Oct. 17.

The Tigers have many festivities planned to encourage school spirit and get the community involved before the culminating event—the Friday night football game against the Samson Tigers.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, at 5:30 p.m., the cheerleaders will host a community-wide "Tailgate with the Tigers." The community is encouraged to join the cheerleaders, band and football players in the parking lot on the side of the high school building (cancer tech side). During this time everyone can meet and



Tiger Tales

News from
Elba City Schools

"See You at the Pole" programs held at Elba City Schools

by Kiera Robertson

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Elba City Schools held its annual "See You at the Pole" program.

The event is hosted the fourth Wednesday in September each year. It is an early-morning gathering of students, teachers and community members in front of the local school flagpole for prayer, scripture reading and singing.

The event was first started in 1990 by a group of students in Texas who saw the need to pray for their school and community. Ever since that day, it has become a National Day of Prayer in which over 20 different countries take part, with over 20 million students in the U.S. participated.

This year Elba City Schools held programs at the flag poles in front of both the high school



A group of Elba High students pray together during the recent "See You at the Pole" program held at the flagpole in front of the school.

and the elementary school.

The program at EHS began at 7:15 a.m. and Jordan McBride opened the event with a welcome. Maiste Thomas sang a song, and Chip Curtis read a passage of scripture. Jordan McBride also led the closing prayer.

At the elementary school, the program began around 12:30 p.m. Students and local pastors attended the program. Tiffany

Elba City Schools receive grant for 21st Century Community Learning Center

Elba City Schools is the recipient of a \$175,000 grant to begin a 21st Century Community Learning Center. The grant will continue over the next three years and is part of the No Child Left Behind "Parental Involvement" clause.

Kesha Brackins, Gina Price and Millie McCollough at Elba Elementary School worked diligently on the application for this grant over the summer and are truly excited to have been chosen to be a recipient of such a large amount of money for such an influential program.

The program is set to begin the first of November and will be conducted from 3:15-5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, Nov. 3.

The after-school activities will include about 45 minutes of help with class work, during which students will be tutored by EES teachers and student aides. A snack will be provided for students in attendance.

The Learning Center will need a great deal of support from the community—in fact, it is based entirely on community support, as evidenced in its name. One of the biggest ways the community can help is through monetary donations.

From individual donations of \$5-\$10 to corporate donations, every bit helps.

Donations can provide scholarships and help provide supplies for students to use in their extracurricular activities.

The other big way the community can be involved is through volunteering. The program depends on members of the community to teach students in the rich academic areas.

Leaders are currently looking for anyone with a hobby or talent that is not typically taught or encouraged in school to volunteer to teach a class or two. Some examples of things they would be interested in are collecting stamps and playing guitar.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or making a monetary donation to the program, can contact Millie McCollough at Elba Elementary School. The phone number is (334)897-4450, and her email address is mmccollough@elba.k12.al.us.

Elba's schools are fortunate to be able to offer this program to their students, and the program coordinators look forward to getting started in just a few weeks.

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Teacher Spotlight

by LanChessica Cross

This week the teacher spotlight shines on Elba High School's newest English teacher, Kira Lebedeva Aaron.

Along with teaching 7th, 9th and 10th grade English at EHS, Mrs. Aaron is the sponsor for "Tiger Tales" and Tiger Times.

She attended Dadeville High School in Dadeville, Ala., and Auburn University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in secondary English education.

She is currently pursuing her Master's degree at Troy University in Troy. She also advises the Troy University chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority.

Before coming to Elba, Mrs. Aaron taught 7th grade English at Waccamoe Junior High School in Lee County.

Since both of her parents

were born in Lee County,

she grew up with a love of learning and teaching. She said she loves Elba's small-town atmosphere in which everybody knows everybody, parents care about their children's education, and school spirit and community involvement are

great.

The members of the study club look forward to another great year of giving back to the community.

One Elba High School class puts AMSTI lesson to use

by Richi Singletary

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The main emphasis of this philanthropic organization is the children of Elba. The group sponsors many programs throughout the year.

One of the newest programs, New Seasons Club, has begun to sponsor one grade per month at Elba Elementary School. They chose to kick off the project with kindergarten.

Study club members presented each kindergartener with a booster badge on Friday, Sept. 19. Kindergartners proudly

wore their badges to pep rally held at EES that day.

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